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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MT

SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL TEAM TRAVEL TO MALTA

REF: STATE 217784

1. DOD ADVISES THAT TWO MAN EOD TEAM MAY BE TRANSPORTED FROM NAF SIGONELLA TO VALLETTA AND RETURN VIA SIXTH FLEET AIRCRAFT TRAINING FLIGHT. THIS WOULD SAVE THE MALTESE THE EXPENSE OF COMMERCIAL AIR FARE BUT GOM WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE WILLING TO PAY REMAINING COSTS, INCLUDING FOOD AND LODGING, AS EMBASSY HAS ALREADY INDICATED TO GOM.

2. IN LIGHT OF GOM'S EARLIER STIPULATION THAT ANY EOD EXPERTS VISITING MALTA SHOULD TRAVEL IN MUFTI SO AS TO PLAY DOWN THEIR MILITARY ASSOCIATION, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY GOM WOULD ENTERTAIN THIS OFFER AND ADMIT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOD SENDS A FORMAL REPLY TO BELLIZZI'S LETTER MENTIONED IN REFTEL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING EMBASSY'S REACTION TO DOD'S OFFER AND WHETHER EMBASSY WOULD CONSIDER CONVEYING IT TO
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